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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR MARINER VENUS/MERCURY 73 -
OVERFLIGHT AND STAGING

REF: (A) STATE 193733

(B) USDAO LISBON MSG 601, 011600Z OCT 73

1. REF A REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY OBTAIN "GENERAL APPROVAL"
OF GOP FOR OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA BY ADVANCED RANGE
INSTRUMENTATION AIRCRAFT (ARIA) IN CONNECTION WITH NASA
MARINER-VENUS 73 PROBE MISSION.

2. USG HAS LONG-STANDING ARRANGEMENT WITH GOP PERMIT-
TING US TO "INFORM" GOP OF OVERFLIGHTS OF PORTUGAL'
AFRICAN PROVINCES BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT. UNDER THIS
ARRANGEMENT, EMBASSY MUST PROVIDE GOP WITH FULL DETAILS
OF THE MISSION AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO
PORTUGUESE AIRSPACE. (SEE SECTION 1, PARA C USAF
FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE - ANGOLA.) NO FURTHER ACTION OR
APPROVAL BY GOP IS NECESSARY.

3. REF B REQUESTED THE NECESSARY DETAILS TO INFORM GOP
ON ARIA FLIGHTS. NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. UNLESS
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IT NOW APPEARS THAT DETAILED INFORMATION WILL NOT BE

FURNISHED TO US SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHTS, WE
PREFER NOT TO APPROACH GOP AT THIS TIME. TO DO SO WOULD
UNDERMINE OUR BLANKET AUTHORIZATION BASED ONLY
ON INFORMING GOP. HOWEVER, IF DETAILED INFORMATION
UNAVAILABLE UNTIL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FLIGHT, UNUSUAL
PROCEDURE OF SEEKING "GENERAL APPROVAL" WOULD BE
JUSTIFIED.

4. ADVISE.
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